CLEAN VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A weighted fluid extraction tube, comprising:

a fluid extraction tube having a fluid delivery end and a fluid pick-up end, wherein the fluid delivery end is configured for being attached to a body in a manner enabling fluid to be extracted from within a fluid container and dispensed via the body; and

a weighting element attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube, wherein the weighting element provides for displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within the fluid container; and

wherein said weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and

a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube; and

wherein said weighting element is a metallic threaded nut operable to allow the fluid extraction tub to extend approximately through a center of mass of said metallic threaded nut; and

2. (Previously Submitted) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 1 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the weighting element.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled

6. (Previously Submitted) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 1 wherein:

the fluid extraction tube is flexible; and

degree of flexibility of the fluid extraction tube is dependent upon a particular mass of the weighting element and a maximum specified displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube.

7. A fluid extraction assembly, comprising:

a body mountable on a neck portion of a fluid container;

a fluid extraction tube attached at a delivery end thereof to the body, wherein the fluid extraction tube is attached in a manner enabling fluid to be extracted from within the fluid container and dispensed via the body; and

a weighting element attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to a pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube, wherein the weighting element provides for displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within the fluid container; and

wherein said weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and

a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube; and

wherein said weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut operable to to allow the fluid extraction tub to extend approximately through a center of mass of said metallic threaded nut.

8. (Previously Submitted) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the weighting element.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Submitted) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein:
the fluid extraction tube is flexible; and
a degree of flexibility of the fluid extraction tube is dependent upon a particular mass of the weighting element and a maximum specified displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube.

13. (Previously Submitted) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein the body is one of a body for a manual pump non-atomizing fluid dispenser, a body for a manual pump atomizing fluid sprayer, a body for an aerosol spray dispenser and a body for a hose-end sprayer.

14. A fluid dispensing apparatus, comprising:
a fluid container having a neck portion and a closed end generally opposite the neck portion;
a body mounted on the neck portion of the fluid container;
a fluid extraction tube attached at a delivery end thereof to the body, wherein the fluid extraction tube is attached in a manner enabling fluid to be extracted from within the fluid container and dispensed via the body; and
a weighting element attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to a pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube, wherein the weighting element provides for displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within the fluid container; and
wherein said weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and
a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube; and
wherein said weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut operable to allow the fluid extraction tub to extend approximately through a center of mass of said metallic threaded nut.

15. (Previously Submitted) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the weighting element.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Submitted) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein:
the fluid extraction tube is flexible; and
a degree of flexibility of the fluid extraction tube is dependent upon a particular mass of the weighting element and a maximum specified displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube.

20. (Previously Submitted) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein the body is one of a body for a manual pump non-atomizing fluid dispenser, a body for a manual pump atomizing fluid sprayer, a body for an aerosol spray dispenser and a body for a hose-end sprayer.